

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1744.

of a Private Letter from the Hague, dated May 23, 1744.

HE Accounts with which our News Papers are filled, of the excellent Situation of Affairs in the Court of Russia, are not, perhaps, to be absolutely relied on; since it is certain, that not only the Princess of Anhalt Zerbst, but the Czarina herself, has been greatly indisposed, insomuch

that Physicians were forced to have Recourse to violent Bleedings. It is believed, that the several Accidents we have had of different Candidates for the Throne of Courland, were the Effects of the Policy of the Court of Moscow; who, in reality, design to transfer that Duchy to the Russian Empire; or in case that should be found impracticable, to give it in Appanage to a younger Prince of the Imperial House. According to the Advices from Persia, by the Way of the Shiah Nadir has undertaken a greater Scheme than he has hitherto executed. He has renounced Persian Religion, and solemnly reconciled himself to the Sect of Omar; in Consequence of which, he intends to take upon him the Dignity of Khaliff, or some Prince of Musselmans, or true Believers; and, in virtue of this Title, would deprive the Turks of their Superiority at Mecca; and, perhaps, render the Signior and the Mogul a kind of Viceroy.

In spite of the different Accounts that have been daily published, of the State of Affairs in Piedmont, and the County of Nice, the wisest People here seem to penetrate the true Design of the combined Powers; which is this. They did not force the Republics at Montalban, from any Hopes of pushing their Way immediately into Piedmont; well knowing, that such a Passage must cost them more than it was worth, but in order to have a free Communication with the State of Genoa, with which they have concluded a Treaty, whereby they guaranty, for ever, the Possessions of the Republic in Corsica, and the Continent; in Consideration of which, the Genes are to lend a large Sum of Money at Five per Cent. in the Allies with 15,000 Men, and are to keep besides, a regular Force of 20,000, during the War.

As soon as this Treaty is carried into Execution, the Command, on that Side, is to be left to the Duke of Savoy, and the Marquis de las Minas; the Prince of Conti, at the Head of a French Army, attempts a second Time to force the Passage of the Dauphine. This is certainly the Disposition of the War; and nothing can hinder it from taking Effect, but the Terror the Republic of Genoa is under from the Fleet of Admiral Matthews; which the Powers have promised to remove, by sending a superior Force to drive him from that Coast. His Majesty's Order.

While the World is amused with strange Notions of Councils or Unsteadiness of our Councils, it may be useful to inform you what Ground there is for these Notions. The States are so far from depending longer upon France, or desiring to avoid coming to an explicit Declaration against that Crown, that they are only to see a proper Disposition in the rest of the World to make such a Measure expedient. In short, they expect to see the Army in Flanders form'd, and for Action, before they declare; and, in that Case, an additional Corps of 20,000 Men will infallibly join the Army. They think they have hitherto done not what their Treaties required, but what the present critical Conjunction demanded. The fourth August will actually take Place in less than three Weeks, and their Fleet will put to Sea about the same Time; which will enable Great Britain to execute all Designs in Italy, and, perhaps, enable the Austrians to make an entire Reduction of the Kingdom of Naples. These are the Sentiments of the best Politicians in our Provinces, who were so far from regarding the Invasion of Flanders, as a Thing terrible to this Nation, that they really look'd upon it as an Event favorable to the Allies, by obliging all the Independent Powers to unite in Support of the common Cause.

## HOME PORTS.

May 16. This Afternoon the Portmahon Man of War, Captain Aymer, brought into this Road the Lion, Capt. Elias Rickault, from Mississippi and the Phoenix, for Rochelle; which he took the 9th of May, 100 Leagues to the Westward, having then the

Queen Mary, the John and Henry, and the Susanna, under Convoy. She proves a very rich Ship, having 50,000 l. Sterling on board. She is loaded principally with Tobacco, is about 400 Tons, and a fine Ship. The Croydon, Smith, is arrived here from London, who spoke with the King William, Capt. Cornish, ten Leagues to the Westward of Lundy, who had taken a Ship of about 250 Tons, bound from France to Newfoundland; as 'tis thought; they are not come in, but are expected in this High water. Capt. Cornish sailed out on a Cruise the 3d or 4th Instant, and for Newfoundland. Captain Aymer spoke with the Friendship, Mackey, the 6th Instant, from Carolina for London; who had on board Capt. Uring, and the Crew of the Loo Man of War (lately lost on the Coast of Carolina) whom Capt. Aymer took on board his Ship.

Plymouth, May 15. Since my last came in the Prince Frederick, Landisfield, from Leghorn for London; and the Aldborough Man of War from a Cruise.

Pool, May 16. Wind N. W. Came in the Thomas, Parsons, from London. Sailed the Jenny, Staples, for Genoa; and the William and Elizabeth, Rose, for London.

Deal, May 17. Wind S. W. Came down the Carteret, Wood, from Jamaica; the Falcon, King, and the Nightingale, Jones, for Portsmouth; the Pidgeon, Brown, for Santa Cruz; the Bowes, Hunter, the Nathaniel, Hunter, and the Hadley, Hudson, for Liverpool; the Providence, Stewart, for Dublin; the Seaflower, Muckell, and the Freewill, Wade, for Bristol; and remains with the Benjamin, Way, for East India; and the Outward-bound, as per last. Arriv'd the Antelope, Mercer, from Lisbon.

Gravesend, May 17. Pass'd by the Gemima, Clarabut, from Calais; the Katherine, Perry, from Lisbon; and the Norway Merchant, Oldson, from Norway.

## Arrived

At Carolina, the Dorothy, Wedderburn, from London; the Hester, Rogers, from Lisbon; and the Bedminster, Atwell, from Lisbon.

## LONDON.

The St. Antonio, Rouden, from Santa Cruz to Leghorn, is taken by Admiral Matthews.

Two Privateers from New York have taken a rich Spanish Ship, and carried her into North Carolina.

The Men of War, with the Ships bound for Hambrough, sailed from the Nore on Thursday last.

On Thursday Mr. Ward, a great Merchant in Smock Alley, was married to Miss Prince of Crispin-street, Spitalfields; a young Lady with a handsome Fortune.

His Majesty has been pleas'd to confer the Honour of Knighthood on John Balcheon, Esq; Admiral of the White.

His Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household, has appointed Mr. Gregory to be one of his Majesty's Musicians in ordinary, in the room of Mr. Ailwood, deceased.

'Tis said that the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Torrington will be created a Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter.

And that the Lord Viscount Fitzwilliams, Henry Calthorpe, Esq; Member of Parliament for Hindon, in Wilts, William Mordaunt Harbord, Esq; and William Whitmore, Esq; will be made Knights of the Bath.

The Instalment, as we hear, will be about the middle of June.

Yesterday a Glazier who was cleaning some Windows in Hanover-Street, by Hanover-Square, fell down, and was kill'd on the Spot.

On Tuesday next six Months Offerings, for Clothing, will be issued out at the Pay-Office, Whitehall, to his Majesty's Forces; viz. from December 25, 1742, to June 24, 1743.

Miss Molly Turner (who sung at Ruckholt House on Monday last, before divers of the Nobility, and a very great Assembly, with general Applause) will sing several Songs on Monday next, as soon as the Serenata is over.

High Water this Day	2	Morning	1	Evening
at London-Bridge.	5	04	35	04
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Bank Stock, 142 1-4th to 1-half. India, 172 1-4th. South Sea, 105 1-4th. Old Annuity, 108 7-8ths to 109. New ditto, 109 1-half. Three per Cent. 93. Ditto 1743, 92 3-4ths. Ditto 1744, 91. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, Nothing.

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